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FOR: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the present application as follows.

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**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 43-50 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 21 and 29 as follows:

21. (amended) A method for concurrently generating a secondary amplification product and an amplification product in a primer based nucleic acid amplification reaction, the method comprising:

- a) hybridizing a signal primer to a target sequence and hybridizing a first amplification primer to the target sequence upstream of the signal primer;
- b) extending the hybridized signal primer on the target sequence to produce a signal primer extension product and extending the hybridized first amplification primer on the target sequence such that extension of the first amplification primer displaces the signal primer extension product from the target sequence;